

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB21**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 04, 2015  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Krist  
**One Liner:** Provide requirements for rate increases for providers of behavioral health services as prescribed

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Bob Krist  
Andy Keller  
  
Vincent Litwinowicz  
Topher Hansen

**Representing:**

District 10  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
Self  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

John Wendling  
Nick Fuastman  
Courtney Miller

**Representing:**

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Magellan Health  
NNFA; NALA  
DHHS, Division of Long Term Care

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Sen. Krist introduced the bill to address concerns by behavioral health service providers that increases were not being distributed equally.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Amends 71-801, the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, to incorporate section (2) of this bill.  
Section (2): Requires managed care services to pass on rate increases in their entirety. Sets effective date for rate increases. Creates notice and reporting requirements of rate changes for behavioral health service providers.  
Section (3): Incorporates section (2) of this act into 71-806  
Section (4): Amends 71-831, requiring contracts and agreements pertaining to behavioral health services to comply with section (2) of this bill.  
Section (5): Repealer  
Section (6): Emergency clause

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 834 to LB21 changes reporting requirements as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson